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The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("Department" or "DBEDT"), by and through its Director ("Director") in his capacity as the Energy Resources Coordinator, through the undersigned Deputy Attorney General, hereby submits to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") its information requests to the following parties on their Preliminary Statement of Position (PSOP) filed on October 2, 2009:

1. HECO Companies ("HECO");
2. Kauai Island Utility Cooperative ("KIUC"); and
3. Consumer Advocate ("CA")

Information Requests to HECO Companies

DBEDT-IR-1-HECO:

Has HECO paid any intervenor funding under the current Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) framework? If yes, please provide the amounts paid for each company's IRP docket (HECO, HELCO, MECO).

DBEDT-IR-2-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Page 17:

Please explain the differences between planning "scenarios" and planning "assumptions" as used in HECO's proposed CESP framework.

DBEDT-IR-3-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Page 18:

- a) Please define what HECO exactly means by "near-term" and "long-term" as used in the phrase "... the focus of the proposed CESP is on the near-term since the long-term initiatives would likely be changed..."
- b) Please explain what HECO means by "The utilities, through modeling software will then test the cost effectiveness of the energy and demand savings provided by the third-party administrator." Please explain why the utilities, rather than the third-party administrator should be performing this cost-effectiveness test.
- c) Please explain how the results of the cost effectiveness analysis will meet the goal established by the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards (EEPS).

DBEDT-IR-4-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Attachment A, Pages 2-3:

- a) Please provide the "utility's clean energy objectives" as used in the definition of an "Action Plan".
- b) Does HECO agree that the definition of demand-side management programs should include rate design or rate initiatives? Please explain why or why not.

- c) Please define what is meant by "small-scale electric generating technologies" as used in the definition of "Distributed Generation."
- d) Please explain what is meant by the "existing transmission and distribution system limits" as used in the definition of the "Locational Value Map" (LVM).
- e) Please provide a definition of "smart grid" as used or referred to in HECO's PSOP (page 15; Attachment A, page 10).

DBEDT-IR-5-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Attachment A, Pages 5-6:

- a) Please explain what is meant by "any (Commission) approval given to the CESP process will apply only to high level planning issues" as stated in item #3 under Section II.D - Commission's Responsibility.
- b) Please specify what analysis, data, and studies and or reports will be included in the "individual applications for programs" that would require specific Commission approval.

DBEDT-IR-6-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Attachment A, Pages 10-12:

- a) Please specify what analysis will be filed with the CESP Action Plan as indicated in Item 2.g under Section III.D - Submissions to the Commission, Attachment A, page 10.
- b) Please provide HECO's estimate of the extent or amount of projects, programs, specific capital expenditures projects, and purchased power from qualifying facilities and independent power producers that may not have to be included or may not be identified or specifically discussed in the CESP process - as indicated in item #7 under Section III.D - Submissions to the Commission, Attachment A, page 12. Please explain whether this provision will add or take away from the value of the resulting Action Plan.
- c) Does HECO intend to "analyze in the CESP process", the net energy metered systems and renewable energy system procured through the feed-in tariffs and interconnected at the distribution system? Please explain why or why not.

Please explain what HECO means by, and the basis of, the last sentence in item 7 under Section III.D, Attachment A, Page 12.

DBEDT-IR-7-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Attachment A, pages 16-17.

Does HECO agree that providing incentives to the PBF Administrator is a contractual matter between the Commission and the PBF Administrator? If no, please explain why not. If yes, please explain why HECO's proposed CESP framework should cover this matter as provided in Section F.2, pages 16-17 of Attachment A.

DBEDT-IR-8-HECO: Ref.: HECO's PSOP, Attachment A, pages 18-19.

- a) Please explain how HECO will use the "distributed generation forecasts" in the CESP planning process, besides its explicit intent to use such forecasts to "reexamine the NEM limits, and the FiTs provisions" as stated in Section IV.D, Attachment A, pages 18-19. Please explain how this proposed provision will substantively add to HECO's proposed CESP Framework to achieve HECO's "clean energy objectives."
- b) What criteria will HECO use to "develop a forecast of the amount of distributed generation that could be installed by utility customers, third parties, or the utility over the planning horizon" as stated in Section IV.D.1, Attachment A, page 18.
- c) How does HECO plan to allow the public, including outside experts and other non-utility stakeholders, to participate and provide input in this forecasting process, not only for distributed generation but for all the other forecasts and analysis required in the planning process?

DBEDT-IR-9-HECO:

Please explain how HECO intends to use the resulting Action Plan(s) from the CESP planning process in its business operation and management.

Information Requests to KIUC

DBEDT-IR-1-KIUC:

Please identify the specific provisions or sections in HECO's proposed CESP framework that KIUC believes are not applicable to its situation, and explain why not. Please provide KIUC's recommended changes to these provisions for KIUC's situation, if any.

DBEDT-IR-2-KIUC:

Are there any sections or provisions in the current IRP Framework that do not apply to KIUC in light of its ownership structure? If there are, please specify the sections or provisions, including the pages in the framework.

Information Requests to the CA

DBEDT-IR-1-CA: Ref.: CA's PSOP, page 15.

Please explain the benefits, if any, of the CA's suggestion that the "Framework should require that there should be at least one scenario reflective of public only factors." Please explain how this suggestion adds substantively to the existing IRP framework or to HECO's proposed CESP framework.

DBEDT-IR-2-CA: Ref.: CA's PSOP, page 26.

Please explain how "the competitive bidding process would facilitate the review of the various means to meet the perceived or identified system need", if an action plan identifies a need for additional resources.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, November 10, 2009.



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Information Requests to the parties on their opening statements of position in PUC Docket Number 2009-0108, by electronic transmission on the date of signature to each of the parties listed below.

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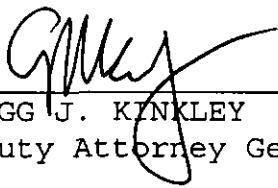
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